

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The following are answers to the most commonly asked questions about ignition interlock devices.

Q: I have a motorcycle. Can I have an ignition interlock device installed?

A: No. An ignition interlock device can only be installed on a car or truck.

Q: I have a Commercial Driver License (CDL). Am I eligible to obtain a SIIRD?

A: Only drivers with a Class D or Class G driver license may become eligible for a SIIRD under the new Arizona law.

Q: Can someone use a balloon or other air source to mimic human breath?

A: No. Advanced Ignition Interlock technology includes sensors that detect and reject such samples – and prevent the vehicle from starting.

Q: Will the ignition interlock device lose all memory if the battery fails or is disconnected?

A: No. The device has its own battery back-up to protect the memory in the data log.

Q: What if the driver has used mouthwash or is taking medication with an alcohol base?

A: During a training session provided by the installer, drivers are cautioned about common substances that contain alcohol, including mouthwashes and medications. If the blood alcohol level concentration of the driver, as measured in the breath, is over the preset level, the driver will not be allowed to start the vehicle.

Q: What happens when a driver fails a breath test?

A: The ignition interlock device will enter a lockout period for failed breath alcohol tests.

Q: What if a vehicle equipped with an ignition interlock needs repair?

A: The driver must contact the Certified Ignition Interlock Device (CIID) provider before having repairs conducted, in case the repair shop has questions about the device. Documentation must be provided if the power to the vehicle is interrupted, as the device will record if the power is disconnected (i.e. battery change).



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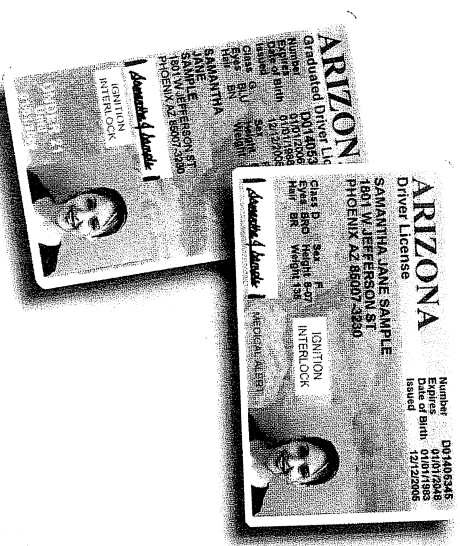
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WHAT IS AN IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICE?

An ignition interlock device is slightly larger than a cell phone and is wired to your vehicle's ignition. The device can be installed in a vehicle while you wait and after installation, it requires your breath sample before the engine will start. If the ignition interlock detects alcohol on your breath, the engine will not start. As you drive, you are periodically required to provide breath samples to ensure the continued absence of alcohol in your system.

CAN IGNITION INTERLOCKS PREVENT DRUNK DRIVING?

Yes. The International Council on Alcohol, Drugs and Traffic Safety maintains that ignition interlock devices, when combined with a comprehensive monitoring program, lead to a 40-95% reduction in the rate of repeat drunk driving offenses among offenders as long as the device remains on the vehicle.



ARIZONA CERTIFIED IGNITION INTERLOCK PROGRAM (CIID)

When Arizona law mandates the use of a CIID following a period of driver license suspension/revocation, you must have one installed by an authorized installer and provide proof of the installation to MVD.

MVD utilizes special forms and procedures to monitor drivers required to have the device installed. MVD issues a replacement driver license containing the words "Ignition Interlock" and marks your record so that law enforcement officers will be aware of the CIID requirement if you are stopped.

NEW LAW: SPECIAL IGNITION INTERLOCK RESTRICTED DRIVER LICENSE (SIIRDLD)

In cases involving driver license suspension/revocation resulting from DUI related offenses on or after February 1, 2006, you may be eligible for a restricted driver license (SIIRDLD) if you meet the following requirements:

- Complete at least ninety (90) days of the mandated suspension period.
- Contact MVD to verify eligibility.
- No other outstanding withdrawal actions are pending on your driving record.
- Install a Certified Ignition Interlock Device (CIID) on your vehicle and provide proof to MVD with a "Verification of Installation" form.
- Comply with mandatory alcohol treatment programs (if required) and submit proof of completion to MVD.
- Submit proof of future financial responsibility to MVD (e.g. SR22 insurance form.)
- Pay all applicable fees.

SIIRDLD DRIVING RESTRICTIONS

A Special Ignition Interlock Restricted Driver License is valid only during the period of suspension or revocation and allows vehicle operation between the following:

- Place of employment and residence during specified periods of time while at employment.
- Place of residence, the person's place of employment and the person's secondary or post-secondary school according to the person's employment or educational schedule.
- Place of residence and a treatment or screening facility for scheduled appointments.
- Place of residence and the office of the person's probation officer for scheduled appointments.
- Place of residence and the office of a physician or other health care professional.
- Place of residence and a certified ignition interlock device service facility.



CIID SERVICE PROVIDERS

A list of ignition interlock service providers authorized for use in the State of Arizona is available at www.azdot.gov/mvd. You may have an MVD-certified ignition interlock device (CIID) installed by contacting an authorized provider. Call the toll-free number of any of the companies listed and ask about the availability of service in your area and associated costs. You are responsible for installation and monitoring fees.

CIID CALIBRATION AND MONITORING

Once installed in your vehicle, the CIID must be calibrated and inspected by a certified installer every 30 days for the first three months and then every other month for the duration of installation requirement. The inspections make sure the device is working properly and detect any issues of non-compliance. Drivers who do not comply with CIID requirements are reported to MVD and may have the period for use extended. In some cases, their driving privilege may be canceled, suspended or revoked.

In cases involving juveniles who are not statutorily mandated to have a CIID installed but have been ordered by a court to have one, you must maintain the CIID in your vehicle for the duration of the court order. If the device is removed, you will be considered non-compliant and may have your driving privilege canceled, suspended or revoked.